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QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L OSLO 3102

PM/ISO FOR GEORGE CHURCHILL

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR, LE, XF, NO
SUBJECT: NDRE PROPOSAL FOR SITE TESTS OF SENSOR EQUIPMENT

REF: STATE 142541

1. ERIK KLIPPENBERG, RESEARCH DIRECTOR OF THE NORWEGIAN
DEFENCE RESEARCH ESTABLISHMENT (NDRE) HAS ASKED THAT
FOLLOWING MESSAGE BE PASSED TO GEORGE CHURCHILL, PM/ISO.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

IN LETTER OF 4 MAY 1978 (NORWAY/UNIFIL ASST/78/2 (UNO))
UN REQUEST THE ASSISTANCE OF THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT
IN CONDUCTING A SURVEY TO DETERMINE UNIFIL REQUIREMENTS
FOR SURVEILLANCE AIDS.

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3. AS A FIRST STEP IN PERFORMING THIS TASK A TEAM FROM
THE NORWEGIAN DEFENCE RESEARCH ESTABLISHMENT (NDRE) UNDER-
TOOK A SURVEY IN LEBANON DURING THE PERIOD 23-27 MAY.
URGED BY THE UNIFIL COMMANDER, THE TEAM PREPARED A
PRELIMINARY REPORT (NDRE NOTAT S-492, JUNE 1978) WHICH
COULD SERVE AS A BASIS FOR THE PROVISION OF AIDS TO MEET
UNIFIL'S MOST PRESSING REQUIREMENTS.

4. AS A SECOND STEP THE TEAM VISITED FT. BELVOIR, FT. MONMOUTH AND FT. HUACHUCA, US ARMY STATIONS, TO STUDY ADVANCED NIGHT OBSERVATION DEVICES AND DISCUSS THE USE OF UNATTENDED SENSORS. UPON COMPLETION OF THE VISIT A SUMMING-UP MEETING, CHAIRED BY MR. W. MOORE, WAS HELD AT THE US STATE DEPARTMENT, POLITICO-MILITARY BUREAU. DURING THIS MEETING THE RESEARCH TEAM REVIEWED ITS IMPRESSIONS OF THE US EQUIPMENT AND POINTED OUT THE NECESSITY OF HAVING LIMITED SITE TESTS CARRIED OUT IN THE UNIFIL AREA WITH SELECTED SENSORS FROM THE US ARMY INVENTORY, BEFORE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS CAN BE MADE FOR INCLUSION OF UNATTENDED SENSORS IN A SYSTEM SOLUTION.

5. PENDING AGREEMENT BY THE UN AUTHORITIES, THIS LETTER FORMALLY REQUESTS THE ASSISTANCE OF THE US GOVERNMENT IN HAVING SAID SITE TESTS CARRIED OUT DURING A TWO-WEEK PERIOD IN JULY-AUGUST IN SOUTH LEBANON BY A SMALL COMBINED US/NORWEGIAN TEAM. THE US TEAM SHOULD BRING TO UNIFIL THE FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT FOR TEST PURPOSES (LISTED IN ORDER OF PRIORITY:

EXISTING EQUIPMENT

-PSID, COMPLETE

-EXRAY

-MINISID 111, COMPLETE WITH ANCILIARY SENSOR MAGID T-4 AND AAU

-RADIO FREQUENCY MONITOR SET, AN/USQ-46

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-DSID

-AN/TVS-4 WITH TRIPOD EQUIPMENT READY FOR PRODUCTION

-PEWS, COMPLETE WITH SENSORS, WIRE AND MONITORING RECEIVERS

6. DURING THE DISCUSSION IN US STATE DEPARTMENT THE NORWEGIAN TEAM GAINED THE IMPRESSION THAT THE US WOULD BE PREPARED TO CARRY THE COSTS OF THE REQUESTED US ASSISTANCE.

7. NORWAY WILL UNDERTAKE TO REQUEST UN PERMISSION TO CONDUCT THE SITE SURVEILLANCE TESTS MENTIONED IN PARA 4 IN A FEW SELECTED SECTORS OF THE UNIFIL ZONE. END TEXT.

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